

UNIT-I

Aromatic character / Aromaticity:-

Benzene possess the following unique aromatic characters. Planar, fully conjugated, monocyclic/polycyclic systems with $(4n+2)\pi$ electrons, having a closed shell of electrons, all in bonding orbitals are exceptionally stable. Such systems are said to be aromatic.

The characteristic properties are collectively called as aromaticity which are different from aliphatic and alicyclic compounds.

① Comparatively resistant to undergo addition reactions:-

Though benzene possess a high degree of unsaturation, it does not undergo addition reactions with HBr, halogens and decolourisation of Br₂ water. Catalytic hydrogenation occurs only at high temp & pressure.

② Heat of combustion:-

Its heat of combustion is low as compared to that calculated for cyclohexatriene. The difference between observed value (3301.3 kJ/mole) and calculated value (3451.8 kJ/mole) is 150.5 kJ/mole is resonance energy.

③ High resonance energy:-

Its heat of hydrogenation (observed) is 208.3 kJ/mole is rather low compared with that calculated for 1,3,5 hexatriene (358.8 kJ/mole). The difference between calculated and observed value 150.5 kJ/mole is called as resonance energy. Due to this resonance energy, benzene is highly stable.

④ Structure:-

It is a flat, cyclic compound containing a conjugated system of double bonds with planar geometry that alone permits a full π orbital overlap.

⑤ Electrophilic Substitution Reaction:-

It undergoes electrophilic substitution reactions mainly like nitration, sulphonation, halogenation and Friedel-Crafts reaction etc, and rarely nucleophilic substitution reactions but these reactions are not given by open-chain polyenes.

⑥ -OH substituted aromatic compounds (like phenols) are more acidic than alcohols whereas NH_2 substituted aromatic compounds like amine are weaker bases than aliphatic amines.

⑦ Benzenoid Aromatic Compounds:-

Benzene and all benzene like compounds which possess these features are benzenoid aromatic compounds. These compounds impart special stability unique to these compounds is referred to as aromatic character. (Aromaticity)

① Benzene:-

Benzene is a planar, conjugated, monocyclic compound with a π cloud of six electrons, obeys Huckel's rule ($4n+2$) rule. (6 is Huckel no). These 6π electrons are often referred to as aromatic sextet.

② Polycyclic Compounds:-

Polycyclic conjugated systems like naphthalene, anthracene and phenanthrene are the typical benzenoid aromatic compounds and the no. of π electrons in each case are 10, 14, 14



Naphthalene
($10\pi e^-$)



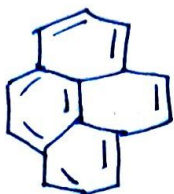
Anthracene
(14π electrons)



Phenanthrene
(14π electrons)

③ Pyrene like structures:-

Pyrene with 16 π electrons does not obey Huckel rule and it may be expected not to show aromatic character. However it is a typical benzenoid aromatic compound as shown experimentally. In such polycyclic systems, the Huckel's rule is applied to only peripheral conjugated π electrons. Since it contains 14 peripheral π electrons, it is a benzenoid aromatic compound.



(ii) Non-benzenoid aromatic compounds:-

These compounds obey Huckel's rule and show all aromatic characters but they do not have benzenoid like structure.

(i) cyclopropenyl cation:-

(a) This cation has a closed shell & $(4n+2)\pi$ electrons. Here $n=0$ and it contains 2π electrons.

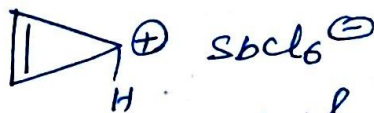


(b) Therefore it should be a stable aromatic system.

Several stable cyclopropenium salts have been prepared, which are non-benzenoid aromatic compounds.



Hydroxy cyclopropenyl bromide (stable)

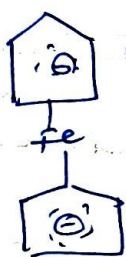
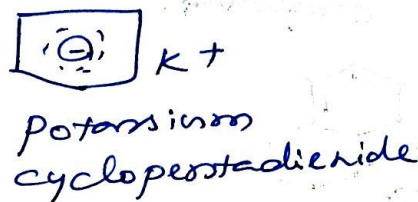


cyclopropenyl hexachloroantimonate (stable)

(d) The NMR spectrum shows three equivalent protons.

(ii) cycloheptatrienyl anion is aromatic? Justify
 (a) This anion has three doubly filled molecular orbitals so that it is cyclic
 (b) It obeys Huckel's rule, $(4n+2)\pi$ electrons.

(c) This non-benzenoid aromatic compound is stable. Stable potassium cycloheptatrienide and dicycloheptatrienyl iron (Ferrocene) have been prepared.



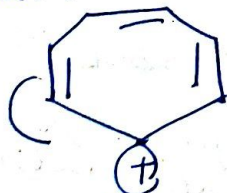
Ferrocene

(a) It has 5 resonating structures as follows.

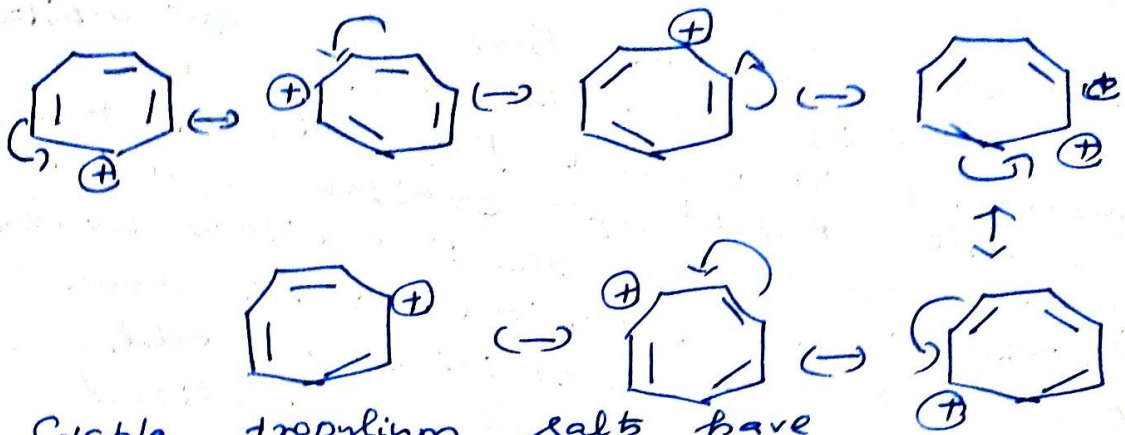


(b) Ferrocene shows aromatic substitution reactions like Friedel Crafts acylation.

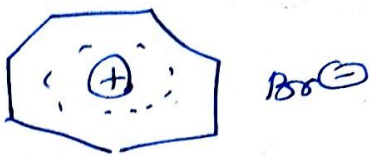
(iii) cycloheptatrienyl cation: - (Tropylium ion)
 Explain its aromaticity & tropylium ion?



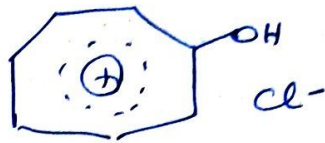
(a) This has 6π electrons and obeys Huckel's rule and is stable
 (b) It is flat and has seven resonating structures as follows.



③ Stable tropylium salts have actually been prepared which show aromatic character.



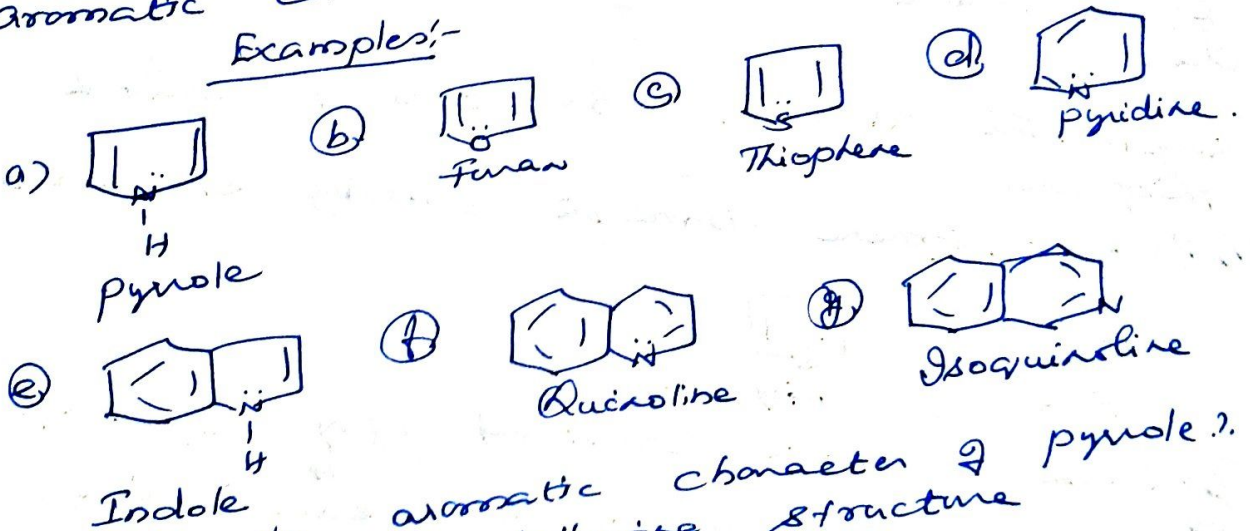
Tropylium bromide (stable)



Hydroxy tropylium chloride (stable)

Huckel's theory of aromaticity
III Heterocyclic aromatic compounds:-
 All heterocyclic compounds are aromatic and have since they obey Huckel's rule aromatic characters.

Examples:-



① Explain the aromatic character of pyrrole?
 ① Pyrrole has the following structure



due to the presence of six delocalised

② Pyrrole is aromatic & π electron clouds electrons.

③ Nitrogen in pyrrole has three sp^2 orbitals each containing an odd electron and an unhybridised p orbital perpendicular to the plane of the hybrid sp^2 orbitals containing a pair of electrons. These p orbitals overlap sideways with the p orbital of the four carbon atoms each containing an odd electron to form a cyclic delocalised π molecular orbital containing six electrons.

④ It shows aromaticity and it undergoes usual electrophilic substitution reactions like nitration, sulphonation etc.

⑤ It is even more aromatic than benzene because it undergoes coupling reaction with diazonium salts and nitrosation of the ring.

⑥ Unlike secondary amines, it lacks basicity since the lone pair of electrons are involved in delocalisation.

⑦ It is a flat molecule.

⑧ Its resonance energy is of the order of 87.8 kJ/mole according to heat of combustion data.

② Explain the aromatic characters of furan + thiophene.

① Furan + thiophene have the following structures



Furan



Thiophene.

② + Same as above. (Instead of N we put O/S)

③ They undergo electrophilic substitution reactions.

④ Flat structure more aromatic than furan

⑤ Thiophene is more aromatic than furan due to more contributing resonating structures due to vacant 3d orbitals of Sulphur.

③ Explain the aromaticity of the following compounds.

(i) Azulene (ii)



(i) Azulene:-

① Azulene is a bicyclic compound containing 10π electrons ($n=2$) which are effectively delocalised throughout the molecule. \therefore it is an aromatic compound.



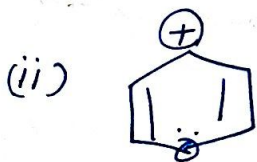
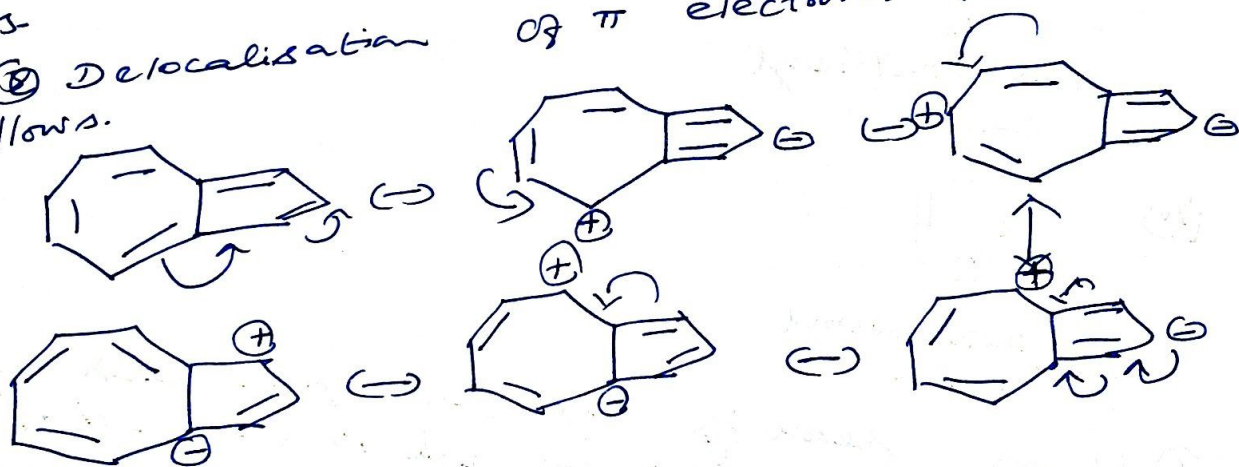
② Azulene is considered as a combination of cycloheptatrienyl cation and cyclopentadienyl anion.

③ The molecule exists as a dipolar structure with a dipole moment of 10 debye unit.

④ The seven membered ring has 7π electrons and the five membered ring has 5π electrons. Two π electrons are common to both the rings.

⑤ Delocalisation follows.

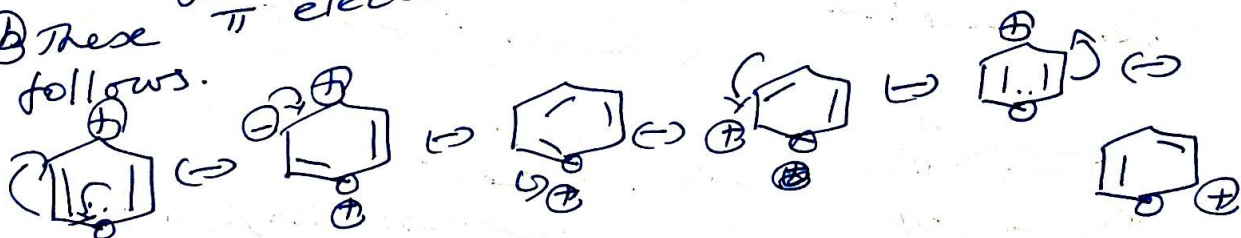
of π electrons occurs as



① It is aromatic $n=1$ including the lone pair of electrons on oxygen atom.

since it contains 6π electrons

② These π electrons are delocalised as follows.



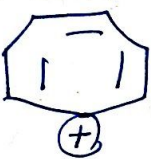



④ what are aromatic, antiaromatic and non-aromatic compounds?

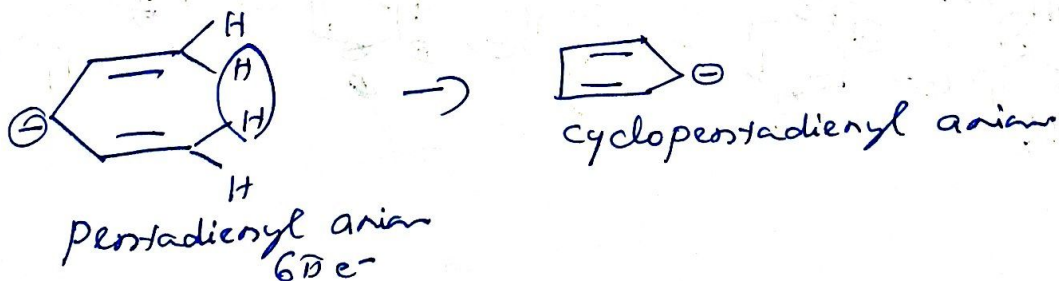
Aromatic compounds:-

(A) The π clouds in a molecule or ion must contain a total of $(4n+2)$ π electrons, where $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$, the molecule is said to be aromatic

(ii) Examples:-

Compound	No of π electrons
(i) 	6
(ii) 	10
(iii)  cycloheptatrienyl cation	6
(iv)  cyclopentadienyl anion	6

⑥ It is removing hydrogen from each end of the chain and joining the ends to form a ring, the ring formed has lesser π electron energy than the open chain, the ring is aromatic.

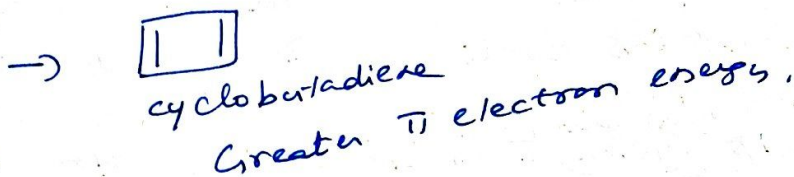
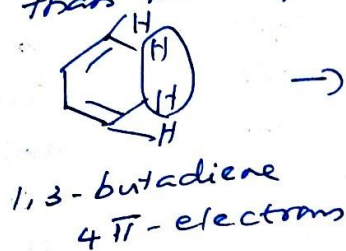


II ANTIAROMATIC SYSTEM:-

(i) If the π cloud in a molecule contains $(4n)\pi$ electrons, where $n = 0, 1, 2, 3 \dots$ etc, the molecule is called as antiaromatic.

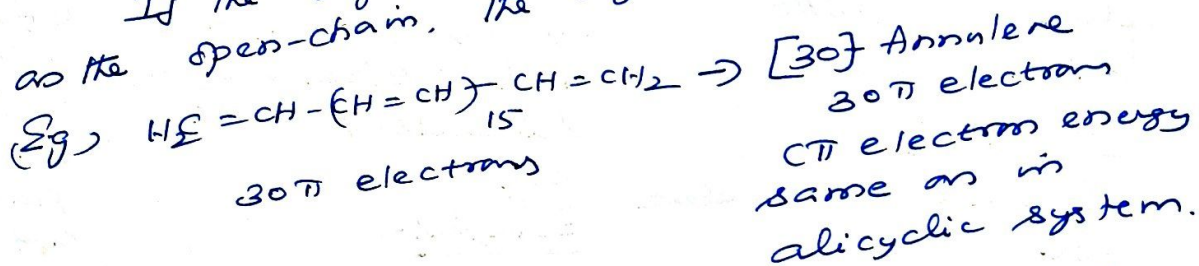


(ii) If the ring has greater π electron energy than the open chain, the ring is anti-aromatic.



III NON-AROMATIC:-

If the ring has same π electron energy as the open-chain, the ring is non-aromatic.



How do you account for the aromaticity of naphthalene?

(i) Naphthalene is polycyclic conjugated system having 10π electrons which obey Huckel's rule of aromaticity.
 $(4n+2)\pi$ electrons.
 $n=2$.



(ii) It is planar & cyclic cloud of delocalised π electron.

(iii) It is a benzenoid aromatic compound and it contains 2 benzene rings.

(iv) It has resonance energy of 250 kJ/mole .

(v) It undergoes mainly electrophilic substitution.

reactions like nitration, sulphonation, halogenation and Friedel-Crafts reaction etc,

(vi) It has equal bond lengths.

(vii) It has π electron energy less than its non-cyclic analogue.

Differentiate benzenoid, non-benzenoid, heterocyclic aromatic compounds, antiaromatic and non-aromatic compounds.

S.No.	Benzenoid Aromatic compound.	Non-benzenoid aromatic compound.	Hetero Aromatic compound.
01.	Contains cyclic and planar structure with $(4n+2)$ π electrons delocalising effectively throughout the molecule and having benzenoid like structure. <u>Examples:-</u> Benzene, naphthalene etc.	Compounds which do not have benzenoid like structure but possess conjugated system of $(4n+2)$ π electrons, cyclic, planar, and π electrons are delocalised in the ring. <u>Examples:-</u> cyclopropenyl cation, cyclopentadienyl anion.	not have like and their carbon substitution hetero possess systems π electrons planar and π delocalised in ring. <u>Examples</u> Furan,
02.	They sustain induced diamagnetic ring current	02 They sustain induced diamagnetic ring current.	02 They induce ring
03.	They have equal bond lengths.	03 They have equal bond lengths.	03 They equal lengths
04.	π -electron energy is lesser than their open-chain analogue.	04 π -electron energy is lesser than their open-chain analogue.	04 π -energy than open-chain
05.	Nucleus independent chemical shift values are negative.	05 Nucleus independent chemical shift values are negative	05 Nucleus chemical values

S.No. Benzoid Aromatic Non-benzoid Aromatic compound

01. Conjugated cyclic and planar structure with $(4n+2)$ π electrons delocalising effectively throughout the molecule and having benzene like structure.
 Examples:- Benzene, naphthalene etc.,

02. Compounds which do not have benzene like structure but possess conjugated system of $(4n+2)$ π electrons.
 Examples:- cyclopropenyl cation, cyclopentadienyl anion.

Hetero cyclic compound

01. Aromatic compound which also possess benzene like structure and their carbon substituents possess π electrons.
 Examples:- furan, pyrrole.

02. Compounds which do not possess benzene like structure and their atoms are not cyclic.
 Examples:- cyclooctatetraene, cyclobutadiene.

Non-aromatic compound having cyclic or acyclic systems, conjugated / un conjugated double bonds and even sometimes no double bonds and may not have planar shape.

Examples:- Methane, 30 [Annulene]

03. They sustain induced diamagnetic ring current.
 02. They have equal bond lengths.

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01. They sustain no diamagnetic or paramagnetic ring current.
 02. They have unequal bond lengths.

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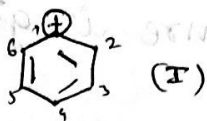
02. Nuclear independent chemical values are negative.

01. Nuclear independent shift values are negative.

01. Nuclear independent chemical shift values are positive.

1) 1,3,5-cyclohexatrienyl cation is aromatic but 1,3,5-cycloheptatrienyl is not - Justify.

1,3,5-cyclohexatrienyl cation structure is given below,



i) This molecule obeys Huckel's rule $[(4n+2)\pi e^-]$ rule, since it has 6π - e's and Huckel no. $n = 1$.

ii) It is flat, planar, cyclic having conjugated double bonds and the π -electrons are delocalised. It has continuous π -e⁻ system.

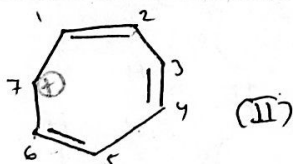
iii) Its energy is less than its open-chain analogue.

iv) Sustains diamagnetic ring current.

v) Chemical shift values are negative.

So, it is Aromatic.

1,3,5-cycloheptatriene structure is given below,



Even though this molecule (II) obeys Huckel's rule and has 6π electrons, the π electrons system is not continuous.

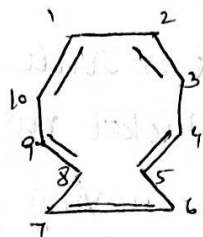
So, this molecule is not Aromatic.

2) Enumerate the aromaticity in Annulenes.

Annulenes are conjugated polyenes containing ten or more carbon atoms in the ring. They are named by writing the ring size followed by the word "annulene".

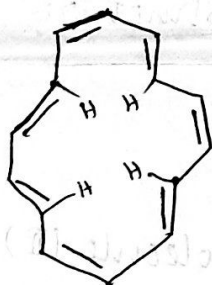
Examples : i) [10]-Annulene.

10-Annulene is not aromatic. Since the structure is not planar. Even if it contains 10π electrons which is in accordance with Huckel's rule, it is not aromatic. Its structure is given below.

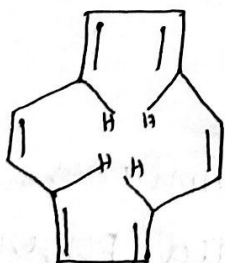


ii) [14]-Annulene:

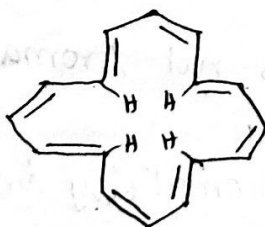
This cpd has 14-annulene contains $14\pi e^-$ and it obeys Huckel's rule. But it is not aromatic and highly unstable. Due to the steric hindrance of the four internal hydrogen atoms, the ~~polarity~~ ^{planarity} of the molecule is twisted and delocalisation is not possible and hence it is not aromatic.



iii) [12] & [16]-Annulene.



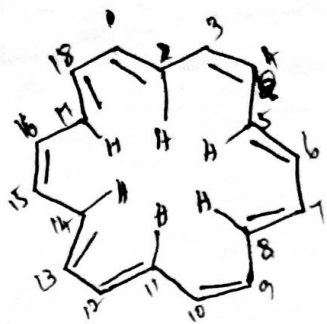
[12]-Annulene



[16]-Annulene.

Both the cpds have $4n\pi$ electrons but ~~they are~~ ^{is} not ^{anti} aromatic. They are not planar molecules due to non-bonding interactions of inner hydrogen.

iv) [18]-Annulene :



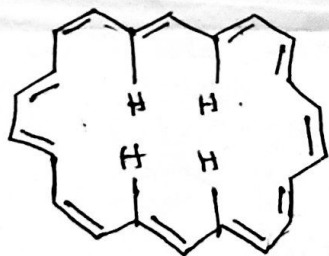
i) It obeys Huckel's rule since it has $(4n+2)\pi$ electrons and Huckel no, $n = 4$.

ii) It has cyclic & planar structure.

iii) It has conjugated π bonds and π electrons are delocalised.

iv) In NMR spectra, 12 outer protons are deshielded, downfield at δ -value is higher (8-9.0) and six inner protons are shielded and upfield at 3.0 δ value.

v) [22]-Annulene ;



i) It obeys Huckel's rule and it has $22\pi e^-$ and $n = 5$.

ii) It is planar, flat and cyclic.

iii) It has conjugated double bonds and π electrons are delocalised.

iv) Hence it is aromatic.